



# IDAHO CROP WEATHER



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## Wet Soils Delay Small Grain Harvest Completion

### Agricultural Summary

The northern part of the state received rain storms early in the week that have hindered the completion of small grain harvest in higher elevations. Apple harvest in the Southwest is 60% complete. For the week ending September 26, major agricultural activities included caring for livestock, fall soil preparation, planting winter wheat, and harvesting hay, apples, dry beans, onions, sugarbeets, and potatoes.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Range and Pasture condition was reported to be mostly fair to good during this past week. Cattle and sheep continue to be reported in good condition on summer ranges. The fall calving season has begun in some areas of the state.

### Field Crop Report

Small grain harvest is nearing completion throughout the state. Nez Perce County Extension Educators reported a continual delay in harvesting remaining crops due to wet field conditions. Latah County still has some pea, lentil, and beans crops to harvest. Washington County reported some crop quality problems due to fall rains. Caribou County experienced good weather late in the week that thrust the potato harvest forward. Power County Extension Educators reported that dryland winter wheat has been seeded and has emerged. The early-dig sugarbeets in Power County are approximately a third of the way dug.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was reported to be 14% very short, 30% short, and 56% adequate. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

### Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2004	2003	Avg.
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	78	75	55
Oats Harvested for Grain	95	100	92
Onions Harvested	63	80	63
Potatoes: Vines Dying/Killed	98	97	93
Dry Beans Harvested	89	82	81
Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	64	62	54

### Condition Table

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Potato	--	--	6	79	15
Irr. Water Supply	12	26	37	24	1
Range & Pasture	1	12	38	48	1

### Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2004	2003	Avg	2004	2003	Avg	2004	2003	Avg	2004	2003	Avg	2004	2003	Avg
Barley															
Harvested . . . . .	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	93	99	97	96	99	98
Winter Wheat															
Planted . . . . .	11	25	17	55	43	22	58	46	52	56	48	46	37	37	32
Emerged . . . . .	--	1	1	2	14	6	12	13	12	22	9	15	9	6	7
Potatoes															
Harvested . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	86	75	62	21	34	37	23	18	16	27	27	25
Sugarbeets															
Harvested . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	1	3	1	10	5	9	5	6	7	7	5	7
Alfalfa Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting															
Harvested . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	100	100	100	99	100	98	69	72	75	87	88	87

Avg (1998-2003); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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**WEATHER DATA NOT AVAILABLE**